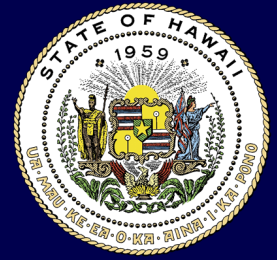




HAWAII STATE SENATOR BENNETTE E. MISALUCHA

*Aiea Neighborhood Board
Legislative Report*



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Aloha mai kakou and Hauoli makahiki hou! Since my last newsletter in November, our office has been preparing and transitioning to begin the 31st Hawaii Legislature on January 20, 2021. Since being sworn into office after the General Election, I continue to find joy in serving my community as your state senator - a public servant role that I relish. Steeped in my beliefs is the teaching: *To whom much is given, much is required.*

I am happy to announce that I will serve on four senate committees. They are: Commerce and Consumer Protection, Energy, Economic Development Tourism and Technology (serving as Vice Chair); Water and Land; and Human Services. During the three-month-long legislation session, it is my intent to keep you informed on bills moving in both the Senate and House which have an impact not only statewide, but also within our communities. With the Capitol building still closed to the public, all hearings will be conducted virtually and anyone wishing to testify will do so remotely. I hope you will engage with the legislative process, and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

“To whom much is given, much is required.”

To be transparent in my efforts, I look forward to keeping you informed via our neighborhood newsletters, and e-newsletters distributed twice a month. Please “friend” us on our new Facebook page (Senator Bennette Misalucha so that I may continue to share daily news and events with each of you. I also welcome your comments on issues or any concerns you have in our communities.

I appreciate that you have entrusted me to serve you here in Aiea as your Hawaii state senator. I am beholden to each of you as your public servant.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha
District 16

Calendar of Events

January

- 18** Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 20** Opening Day of the 31st Hawaii State Legislature
- 25** Governor David Ige, State-of-the State Address
- 26** Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

February

- 15** President’s Day Holiday
- 23** Pearl City Neighborhood Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

We are here to help you...

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* See page 4 to meet the Team

2021 SESSION CALENDAR

NOTE: ON THE 55 SESSION DAYS (DAYS WHEN MEMBERS CONVENE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS), THE SESSION DAY COUNT APPEARS IN A BOX ON THE LOWER-RIGHT, LIKE THIS: #

Color code: ■ = bills ■ = resolutions ■ = budget or fiscal bills

See reverse side for more deadline information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY			20 Opening Day	21	22 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff	23
	25 State-of-the- State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff	26 Recess #1	27 State-of-the- Judiciary Address & Bill Intro Cutoff	28 Recess #2	29	30
31	FEBRUARY					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	12	13
14	15 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16	17	18	19 First Lateral (Bills)	20
21	22	23	24	25 Mandatory 5- Day Recess Begins	26	27
28	MARCH					
	1	2	3 Last Day of 5-Day Mandatory Recess	4	5 First Decking (Bills)	6
7	8 Recess #3	9	10 Recess #4	11 First Crossover (Bills)	12 Substantive Resolution Cutoff	13
14	15 Budget Decking	16	17 Budget Crossover	18 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	19	20
21	22	23	24 First Lateral (House Concurrent Resos)	25 Second Lateral (Bills)	26 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Kuhio Day</i>	27
28	29	30	31 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos)			
APRIL				1	2 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8 Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos)	9 Second Decking (Bills)	10
11	12 Recess #5	13	14 Recess #6	15 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	16 Constitutional Amendments	17
18	19 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	20	21 Recess #7	22 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	23 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	24
25	26 Recess #8	27	28 Recess #9	29 Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i>	(Session pau!)	

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE DEADLINE INFORMATION

Public Access Room (PAR): phone 808/587-0478; email par@capitol.hawaii.gov; website hb.hawaii.gov/par [1/8/2021]

You may submit written testimony: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/login

You may view broadcasts of hearings and sessions: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/broadcasts.aspx

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NEW OPERATIONAL CHANGES FOR 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Hawai'i State Senate has announced new operational changes ahead of the 2021 legislative session.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Senate is reinforcing pre-existing protocols and implementing several new measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining an open and transparent legislative process.

- Workplace best practices: all employees must wear a face mask, practice social distancing, limit physical contact, and practice good personal hygiene
- Cleaning and disinfecting conference rooms and the Senate chamber before and after use
- Providing employees with personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies
- Installing protective sneeze guards, signage, hand sanitizer dispensers, and air purifiers
- Conducting meetings, hearings, floor sessions, and staff training virtually
- Conducting new employee onboarding online with minimal personal interaction
- Allowing employees to work remotely when possible

PUBLIC ACCESS

Since the State Capitol building will be closed to the public, the Senate will be conducting all committee hearings and floor session virtually. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony in writing and via videoconference, allowing broader participation by those who previously were not able to get to the State Capitol.

Changes include:


- The Senate will be using Zoom as its online meeting platform
- Committee Chairs will have the option to conduct hearings 100% remotely or offer their members a hybrid set-up with some Senators participating from Senate conference rooms and some joining the hearing remotely.
- Written testimony and videoconference testimony registration will be accepted through the Legislature's website. No in-person testimony will be allowed.
- Testifiers will be given the option to submit remote virtual testimony once written testimony is submitted. Individuals must register no later than 24 hours prior to the committee hearing in order to be added to the remote virtual testimony list
- All Senate standing committee hearing will be live streamed on YouTube. All live streams will be available online and on demand at youtube.com/hawaiiisenate

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

Both the Senate and House have agreed on a modified timetable that has the legislative session convening on January 20, 2021 and adjourning sine die on April 29, 2021.

Modifications include:




- Shortening conference by one week
- Reducing the number of recess days from 13 to 9



Vaccine questions and concerns:

Call 808-586-8332 or 800-933-4832 (tollfree)

*Press 1 for general public
*Press 2 for medical providers

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AlohaSafe Alert App



Facts and Information

WHAT IT DOES

Alerts

- An individual diagnosed with COVID-19 will receive a code via text that they will input into the app
- This code will anonymously notify other devices about their possible COVID-19 exposure
- If someone receives a notification from the app about potential exposure, they are recommended to self-quarantine and get tested

HOW IT WORKS

The application

- The free & voluntary app can be downloaded from the Apple and Google Play stores
- The app uses Bluetooth technology to anonymously communicate with other phones, measuring the distance of each device and duration of contact
- To trigger a notification alert, devices must have been within 6 feet of each other for at least 15 minutes

HOW IT HELPS

Reducing the spread

- 80% of all smartphone users (56% of population) would be enough to suppress the pandemic on its own without any other form of intervention
- Combined with other measures, if 15% of our community uses the app, we can reduce infections by 8% and deaths by 6%

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NEED HELP PAYING FOR PRESCHOOL?



WE WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS 1/4/2021-3/31/2021

PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS

Applications accepted for children born August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2021 for program participation July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Preschool Open Doors (POD) provides monthly preschool tuition subsidies to qualified families. Parents may choose any DHS licensed preschool.

Applications must be received at the Oahu office by March 31, 2021 to be considered.

Return completed applications to: PATCH Preschool Open Doors 560 N. Nimitz Hwy, Suite 218, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Download an application at www.patchhawaii.org

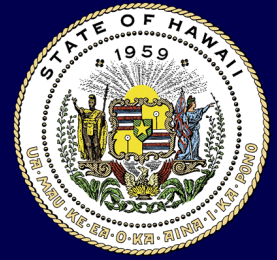
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Meet the Team



Richard Mizusawa

Legislative Director

I reside in Aiea. I attended University of Hawaii and earned my degrees in M.Ed and B.A. in Communications. As director, I assist with policy development, constituent relations, and I am responsible for overseeing the team.



Daniel Kosasa

I grew up in Aiea and joined Sen. Misalucha's team as a Legislative Aide, assisting with legislative affairs, research, and constituent concerns. I received my B.A. in Latin



Ami Sueyoshi

I earned my B.A. in Communications from the University of Phoenix. As office manager, I oversee the day-to-day operations of the office and assist with administrative affairs, guest relations. Prior to working with the Senator, I was in sales/marketing and non-profit.



Bernie Caalim

I am from Aiea and received my B.A. in English from University of California at Berkeley. My background is hotel marketing communications. I assist Sen. Misalucha with social media and special projects.